Persons apprehended under the Anti-Terrorist Activities Act

1683. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons apprehended and convicted under the Anti-Terrorist Activities Act, so far, Statewise, especially in Punjab;

(b) how many of those apprehended have escaped from custody; and

(c) what steps have been taken to enforce this Act effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Persons killed by Terrorists in Punjab

1684. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists activities in and around Punjab continues unabated; if so, what is the number of persons killed and injured therein during the past four months, indicating the number of (i) children, (ii) women and (iii) foreigners amongst them; and

(b) what specific steps have been taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production and export of tea

1685. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of tea during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) the quantum of the export during the above period, yearwise and countrywise and the value thereof;

(c) whether there has been any increase/decrease in the quantum of export of tea during these years; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the export performance of this item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Production, exports and major countries of export of tea during the past three years are as under:—

Quantity : M.Kgs.
Value . Rs./Crores.

Year	Production	Exports		Major countries of export
		Qty.	Value	
1984	645	217	740	USSR, UK, ARE,
1985	657	222	711	West Germany,
1986	616 (Prov.)	201	601	Iran and Iraq.

(d) Measures taken to promote export of tea include higher cash compensatory support on value added teas, full rebate of excise duty on exports of packet teas exemption of excise duty on tea bags, exemption of customs duty on filter paper used in manufacture of tea bags etc.

Report of the Enquiry Committee on fire in Hotel Siddarath

1686. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether enquiry into the death of persons in fire in Hotel Siddarath, Delhi has since been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details of the report and when it was submitted to Government; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The Khanna Commission of Inquiry, which was appointed to inquire into the incident of fire at Hotel Siddhartha Continental, submitted its report on 13th March, 1986. The Report of the Commission alongwith the memorandum of action taken on the various recommendations made by it was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1986.

The recommendations of the Commission include modernisation of Delhi Fire Service with new equipment/appliances training organisational control, raising of funds, creating fire safey cell etc.

The recommendations made by the Commission have been generally accepted and their implementation has been taken up. Delhi Administration has already taken action to fix individual responsibility.

A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipment and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and under-ground water static tanks.

The management of the high-rise buildings which have been found to be deficient in fire safety/protection measures, have been given a directive to make provisions like 6 mtrs. approach water storage, automatic sprinkler system, fire alarm, public address system, exit signs, emergency power supply, fire fighting equipment etc. Under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986, recently enacted, penalty of imprisonment and fine can be imposed if the directions of the Chief Fire Officer are not carried out.

Letter of intent for Cooperative Spinning Mill in Orissa

@1686-A. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter of intent has been issued for establishment of a cooperative spinning mill in 'No-industry district' of Balasore in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in implementation of the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Orissa Government have stated that the loan application of the mill company has been turned down by the Industrial Development Bank of India on the ground that excess spinning capacity has already been created in the country.

National Safety Council

@@1686-B. SHRI K.G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government gives a grant of only Rs. 600|- lakhs to National Safety Council per year;

@Previously Unstarred Question 1414, transferred from the 4th May, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1437, transferred from the 4th May, 1987.